

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2402

Introduced by Assembly Member Block

February 19, 2010

An act to add Section 89030.5 to the Education Code, relating to the California State University.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2402, as introduced, Block. California State University: admissions: procedural requirements.

Existing law establishes the California State University as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in the state. The university includes 25 specified campuses and is administered by a board, known as the Trustees of the California State University. Existing law requires the trustees to adopt rules and regulations for the government of the university and requires those rules and regulations to be published for distribution as soon as practicable after adoption. Existing law prescribes notice and hearing procedures for the adoption, amendment, and repeal of those regulations.

This bill would require the trustees to ensure compliance with specified requirements for the adoption of changes in the criteria for admission to a campus of the university that affect the eligibility of applicants residing within the local service area, as defined, of the campus. The bill would require these procedures to include specified notice, hearing, and approval requirements. The bill would require a change in admissions criteria that affects the eligibility of applicants residing within the local service area of the affected campus to become effective only after a period of at least one year has elapsed after approval of that change by the trustees.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 89030.5 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:
3 89030.5. (a) In order to provide notice to the public and ensure
4 the transparency of decisions affecting admissions criteria for all
5 of the campuses of the California State University, the trustees
6 shall ensure that any change in the criteria for admission to a
7 campus of the university complies with all of the following
8 requirements:
9 (1) Prior to adopting a change in the criteria for admission that
10 affects applicants residing within the local service area of a campus
11 of the university, the president of the campus affected by the
12 proposed change shall do all of the following:
13 (A) Consult with stakeholders, including the governing boards
14 of school districts, governing boards of community college districts,
15 and community organizations, that are located within the local
16 service area of the affected campus. These consultations shall occur
17 in a public meeting.
18 (B) Hold three public hearings in the local service area of the
19 affected campus. The hearings shall solicit public comments
20 relative to the proposed changes in admissions criteria.
21 (C) Present the proposed change in admissions criteria at
22 meetings of the governing boards of all high school districts,
23 unified school districts, and community college districts within
24 the local service area of the affected campus.
25 (D) Provide public notice of the proposed change in admissions
26 criteria. The notice shall be published on the Internet Web site for
27 the affected campus and in three newspapers of general circulation
28 in the local service area of the affected campus. The notice shall
29 include a description of the proposed change, the right of the public
30 to comment orally or in writing on the proposed change, and the
31 dates, times, and locations of the public meetings pursuant to
32 subparagraph (A) and the public hearings pursuant to subparagraph
33 (B). The notice shall be published at least 30 days before the first
34 public meeting or public hearing.

1 (E) Publish on the Internet Web site of the affected campus, all
2 public comments received pursuant to this paragraph and all
3 responses by the university to those public comments.

4 (F) Publish on the Internet Web site of the affected campus, and
5 distribute to community officials and local high schools, the
6 university's final decision on the proposed change.

7 (2) After meeting all of the requirements specified in paragraph
8 (1), the president of the affected campus shall submit the proposed
9 change to the trustees for approval.

10 (3) Any change in the criteria for admission to a campus that
11 affects applicants within the local service area of the affected
12 campus shall become effective only after a period of at least one
13 year has elapsed after that change is approved by the trustees.

14 (b) The requirements set forth in subdivision (a) shall apply to
15 all changes in the criteria for admission to a campus that affect the
16 eligibility of applicants residing within the local service area of a
17 campus to enroll at that campus, including changes to transfer
18 requirements, elimination of majors, and determinations regarding
19 impact of majors.

20 (c) As used in this section, "local service area" means the CSU
21 service area for the campus as set forth in the California State
22 University Coded Memorandum AA-2005-05, dated February 23,
23 2005.